



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY

League Lines

MARCH/APRIL 2007

Calendar

414-273-8683

New web site! <http://lwvmilwaukee.org>, e-mail: info@lwvmilwaukee.org

March

- 5 Mon. – 7:15pm, Intern'l Relations Committee
Topic: Iraq & Middle East Security
James McCann's home
4785 A, Cara Marie Ct., Brookfield
Contact: Marianne Steigerwald
(414) 371-7836
- 12 Mon. – 7:15pm, Intern'l Relations Committee
Topic: Central Asia & Afghanistan
Ned Maxwell's home
7010 Milwaukee Ave., Wauwatosa
Contact: Marianne Steigerwald
(414) 371-7836
- 14 Wed. – 6pm, Board Meeting
2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
Washington Park Library
Contact: Louise Petering, 414/351-3617
- 19 Mon. – 7:15pm, Intern'l Relations Committee
Topic: The future of South Africa
Ellyn Bromberg's home
6577 N. Crestwood Dr., Glendale
Contact: Marianne Steigerwald
(414) 371-7836
- 20 Tue. – 7pm, Natural Resources Committee
Jennifer Runquist's home
3002 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee
Contact: Jennifer Runquist, (414)332-5067
- 21 Wed. March 21, 7 p.m.
(6:45- 7 gathering time)
General Issue Meeting
Topic: Convenient Lending Practices
Milwaukee Bar Association
424 E. Wells (on Cathedral Square,
NW Corner of Jefferson and Wells
above Louise's Trattoria (elevator available)
Milwaukee
Contacts: Barbara Hussin,351-0819;
Ruth Snedic, 771-7690;
Minna Jones,476-5249

- 22 Thur. – 7p.m., Status of Great Lakes Compact
State Rep. Jon Richards
Urban Ecology Center, (414) 964-8505
1500 E. Park Pl., Milwaukee
- 22 Thur - evening, **MPS School Board
Candidate Forum**
For Updated Information go to:
<http://lwvmilwaukee.org>

- 23 Mon. – 9:15am, Intern'l Relations Committee
Topics: Background of Ban Ki-moon,
UN Sect. General &
Recommendations for UN Reform
Dilys Spransy's home
3304 N. Cambridge Ave.
Contact: Marianne Steigerwald
(414) 371-7836

April

- 3 Tue. – **SPRING ELECTION &
ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING**
Contact: Barbara Hoppe, (414) 355-5872
- 11 Wed - 6pm, Board Meeting
& BulletinDeadline
2121 N. Sherman Blvd.
Washington Park Library
Contact: Louise Petering, (414) 351-3617
- 16 Mon. - 7pm, Natural Resources Committee
Jennifer Runquist's home
3002 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee
Contact: Jennifer Runquist, (414) 332-5067
- 18 Wed – **Unit Discussion Meetings**
Consensus: "Convenience Lending"
Choose your location & time below and
BRING THIS BULLETIN & see
<http://lwvmilwaukee.org>
AFTERNOON UNIT, West, 1 pm
St. Matthew's Church
1615 Wauwatosa Ave.
Contact: Minna Jones (414) 476-5249
EVENING UNITS
EAST – 6:30pm
Shorewood Public Library, Comm. Rm. South
Contact: Barbara Hussin (414) 351-0819
WEST – 7:30pm
Location Varies
Contact: Ruth Snedic (414) 771-7690

For Up-to-Date information on the MPS School Board Candidate Forum and other events go to our website, <http://lwvmilwaukee.org>. Dates and items from other selected organizations that share our goals may also be found there.

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 7
5:30 pm
Italian Community Center

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION EARLY
for the annual meeting. Hear Keynoter
The Honorable Shirley Abrahamson,
Chief Justice, Wisconsin Supreme
Court. Reservation form is on p..7.

BRING THIS BULLETIN TO THE
APRIL UNIT DISCUSSION MEETING
You'll need it for local
study consensus.

LEADERS LINES

Angela McKenzie & Louise Petering, Co-Presidents

Thanks to Sara Jane Kennedy's help, information from all three Unit Meetings on Program-Planning was gathered and summarized into a report for the State League. The State Program Making Report was sent to the State League by the deadline, February 1, 2007.

I would also like to thank Kit Hollaran and Marilyn Boeldt for conducting units on the Voting Rights Consensus and gathering and reporting results from the 3 units. We had 27 members taking part in the consensus meetings on January 17, 2007. The state materials were printed in the last bulletin of 2006 and the first bulletin of 2007. Please refer to page 6 for more information about the Voting Rights Study Consensus Report.

Thanks also to Jennifer Runquist and the Natural Resources Committee conducting the units on part II of the Energy Consensus and collating information from the three unit discussions. 20 members participated in the consensus meetings February 21, 2007. The units used the Jan./Feb. League Lines to aid with their discussions. Our League's results will be included in the May/June bulletin (Angela)

As the LWV year rolls on and elections are here, we are reminded of the need for each us re-commit to "making democracy work." I encourage you to be an informed voter and use our League bulletin and website, <http://lwvmilwaukee.org>, and other media to inform yourself. Two critical races are shaping up in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. The Milwaukee race involves five seats on the MPS School Board; the state race is for one seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. To help voters choose which candidates to vote for in the school board race, we are looking to co-sponsor an MPS Board candidate forum with the Greater Milwaukee Committee in mid to late March. Our website provides a link to the LWVWI "Voters Guide" for the Supreme Court race.

Thanks to Barbara Hoppe, the team of reporters she assembled, and new member & helper Miriam Odden for successful Election Night Reporting on February 21st. Several of our reporters have stated they enjoy being engaged in the election process and meeting others who gather at clerks' offices to get results for their respective candidates and parties.

Other League opportunities - to attend a meeting, volunteer for an event, or financially support the League - can be found on our website, <http://lwvmilwaukee.org>. To volunteer, phone the contact person indicated with the event. To contribute you may use a new website feature, Pay Pal! Thanks to Dorothy Dean for adding that feature.

Also, thanks to Dorothy Dean and committee members involved in the local study on Convenient Lending practices, we are getting a good look at practices that take money out of our area and lead to declining neighborhoods.

Finally, join other LWVMC members and me for the all-day "Issues Briefing" in Madison on Wednesday, April 11. It is a good opportunity for League members from around the state to meet one another and learn first hand about

issues and proposed legislation. Topics to be covered include energy policy, financing public education, and healthcare reform (including reproductive health). We will also have an opportunity to meet with our legislators. Phone me at (414) 351-3617 for carpooling to Madison. (Louise)

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Stefaniak and Gloria Weiskotten, Membership Co-Chairs

What a good feeling to report to LWVUS and LWVWI on January 31 that our membership has increased. Welcome to new members Jerrienne and Hilbert Hayslett, Anita Lloyd, Theresa McCoy, Miriam Odden, Allison Rohlfing and Dorothy Sherman.

Thanks for your confidence in the League and interest in "making democracy work."

LOCAL STUDY REPORT

Dorothy Dean, Chair

Don't Pay to Borrow Your Own Money

The popular "Instant Tax Refund" isn't really one. It is a loan. It is really a refund anticipation loan (RAL), if you get one of these "fast refunds". When you get a RAL, you are really borrowing against your own refund. The tax preparer who sells you a RAL is "lending" you your own money for 7 to 14 days at an effective annual percentage rate (APR) of 40% to over 700% depending on the size of the "loan".

This is a very lucrative business. The National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) and Consumer Federation of America (CFA) estimate that approximately 9.6 million Americans spent \$960 million in loan fees plus over \$100 million in other fees, in 2005 (the most recent year for which data is available). Taxpayers then obtain their refund money faster by 2 weeks or less than if they used electronic filing and direct deposit. In 2005, one in 13 tax returns involved a RAL.

Where is all this money going? Certainly not into the local economy.

Military families are a special target for RALs according to a Department of Defense report to Congress. The NCLC and CFA estimate that military Service members paid approximately \$10 million out of their tax refunds (including Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit benefits) for these loans".

The prime target for RALs is the low-income worker who claims the EITC. Over 60% of all RAL borrowers are EITC recipients even though this group of taxpayers make up only 17% of all taxpayers. The EITC is intended as an anti-poverty benefit for hard working people, many with children. Based on IRS data for 2005, NCLC and CFA esti-

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mate that 5.9 million working families paid over \$600 million to get their tax refunds 2 weeks or less sooner than they otherwise could have.

A Convenient Lending Practice in Milwaukee

On January 11th Louise Petering and Fran Swigart joined me in a visit to the Brewery Credit Union (BCU) to learn about its "Fast Cash" program. With two locations in Milwaukee, in Bay View and downtown at 3rd and Vliet, and membership in the National Credit Union Assn., the program has generated significant interest nationwide. A brief look at the "Fast Cash" program is below. The study committee will compare this program to the Pay Day Loan" available at many locations around the Milwaukee metropolitan area and state.

In 2005 in response to the increased "Pay Day Loan" activity in the Milwaukee area, the BCU established its "Fast Cash" program. Begun in 2006, the program is legally grounded in current Wisconsin law & a document drafted by Quarles and Brady.

Requirements for "Fast Cash" loans:

- membership in the BCU
- two forms of ID, providing a picture and current address
- direct deposit of SSI or pension or pay check (involves a 3 day to 3 week waiting period) required before a loan is possible
- opening an account with the BCU and depositing \$5 before a loan is issued
- verbal mention of all services available at BCU

Features of the program:

- \$100 minimum & \$700 maximum "fast cash" loan
- an interest rate of \$9.95/\$100loan for up to 30 days
- 2 rollovers maximum allowed
- non-payment in full of the loan after 3 loans, moves the borrower into an extended loan at the BCU with an interest rate of about 33% APR and a 30 to 90 day term, and possibly longer.
- voluntary financial education opportunities on budgeting.

Banking/Department of Financial Institutions regulations being met:

- loan application process
- State of WI audit every 18 months
- external audits by a licensed CPA annually

Management Practices

- treat members with respect
- check with the DP Bureau (a payday lenders clearing-house) on applicants other loans, outstanding payday loans, or written off payday loans
- member of the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions

- insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a US Govt. Agency
- holds a Low Income Designated Credit Union with the NCUA & WI Dept. of Financial Institutions

"Fast Cash" borrowers

- all ages and socio-economic groups
- many professions including college students and professors

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Elaine Drobny, Co-Chair

The 22nd Annual Catherine Conroy Legislative Breakfast was held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at Alverno College. It was cosponsored by the LWV-Milwaukee County and the Wisconsin Women's Network. Despite the bitter cold and treacherous roads, 77 brave souls attended the program. This year's topics were the 2006 state referendum: the marriage amendment, and capital punishment. Eight legislators answered questions regarding their legislative responsibilities given the 2006 election results. During the final hour, the microphones were open to questions from the audience about a wide range of issues important to the League, the Network and beyond. We were gratified to have received a grant from AT&T to help fund this year's Breakfast, as costs have risen each year. Any suggestions for organizations that might be willing to provide similar support would be greatly appreciated; we also always welcome new members to our planning committee. Thanks to League members Carol O'Neill and John Abelt for helping with the event. The next Breakfast is tentatively booked for Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Alverno College.

ACTION

Ruth Snedic

E-mail Action Team - Every member of the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County will be on our action list and will receive action emails for National, State and local issues. Those who don't have email will be called if there is time for action. If you don't wish to receive these emails or calls, you may opt out by calling or emailing us and we will take you off the list. Lobbying is a vital part of what League does to affect the way our government does business.

National Action has been relatively quiet for us this month. The League of Women Voters of the U.S. joined other groups in sending a letter urging House members to co-sponsor and vote for the essential VanHollen-Meehan legislation, which would require lobbyists to disclose the amount of contributions they collect or arrange for federal candidates, leadership PACs and party committees. Our President, Mary G. Wilson also testified before the U.S. Election Commission regarding challenges the voters still face at the polls. Also, Co.Pres. Petering contacted Rep. Sensenbrenner asking for his support for the DC Voting Rights bill.

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State Action involved our members lobbying their representatives regarding Assembly Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1 that would create a single state agency responsible for ethics and elections with authority and capacity to enforce the law in these areas. There were serious flaws in the bill and we withdrew our support until some of the flaws were corrected. We asked that the severability clause be taken out & it was. We then supported the bill despite the remaining venue provision and severe penalties for investigators who "leaked" information about the status of an investigation. The latter is in conflict with our principle of open government.

We also lobbied for the global warming bill. This legislation needs cosponsors and the more there are, the greater the chance for passage. We contacted our senators and assembly representatives to sign on. They have until February 23 to do this. This bill is consistent with our Natural Resources positions.

Dorothy Dean represented our local League in Madison for a lobbying day on Feb. 1 regarding the School Nutrition program and school breakfasts.

We provided testimony before the WI Senate Commerce Utilities and Rail Committee on behalf of PEG access TV in Wisconsin as they consider state legislation that threatens Public Education and Government Access TV carried to cable subscribers' homes. See Mary Shanahan-Spanic's article on p. 5.

On Feb. 3, members of the League and other organizations met with our area legislators for breakfast and an interchange of opinions on issues they will be dealing with. Some of our members also went to Madison on Jan. 24 for a Meet and Greet" with other organizations on government issues.

Local Action - Housing Trust Fund (HTF) - The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County sent letters thanking the City of Milwaukee common council members who supported the HTF and enclosed the letter we sent to Governor Doyle regarding statewide support for this type of program. We also sent letters of disappointment to two Council members who did not support this Fund. Letters were also sent to our county board members.

Emails were sent regarding meetings on Building Wealth: Creating Connectivity and Livability as well as KRM Commuter Rail project plans to get our input for further action. The dynamics of achieving success for a strong sustainable economy needs proper transportation in fulfilling these goals. Rail transit in the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor would play an important part. Member Kerry Thomas is the Communications Director for Transit NOW and is working actively on these issues.

CANDIDATE FORUMS IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Past and Future

January 31 – Cudahy (Ruth Snedic) A forum was held on January 31 at the Kelly Senior Center in Cudahy for candidates for mayor of that city. Candidates John Hohenfeldt (current mayor) Ryan McCue and Scott Mulqueen participated. Natalie Kleman and Rosemary Bigelow worked with me at this forum. It was lively with concerns about a Walmart possibly coming in, general development and architectural concerns, as well as the Iceport, a major source of tension in the community.

Feb 15, 2007 - Fox Point (Louise Petering) Three candidates for the position of Fox Point municipal judge squared off on the evening of Feb. 15th at a forum at the North Shore Library. For the first time in years, Fox Point voters experienced a contested primary election for the position. The two top vote-getters will be on the April 3rd ballot.

March 15, 2007 – Greendale (Marilyn Boeldt) The League and Greendale Chamber of Commerce will cosponsor a Candidate Forum on Thursday, March 15th from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Greendale High School Multi-Purpose Room, 6801 Southway. It'll include four candidates running for two Village Trustee seats and three candidates running for two School Board seats. A primary election on February 20 narrowed the field of seven candidates for Village Board down to four. The League has been moderating these forums for Greendale for many years – at least twenty. They're always well attended and lively, with lots of relevant questions.

Mid-Late March – Milwaukee (Milwaukee Public Schools, School Board Candidates Forum) As of this writing, League is discussing co-sponsorship of this forum with the Greater Milwaukee Committee. See our website for current information.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Dr. Jennifer Runquist, Chair, Natural Resources Committee

MMSD Honey Creek Bacterial Investigation Survey 2006

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District undertook a study of Honey Creek in summer 2006, in order to consider the source of continuing high bacterial contamination to the Menomonee River. The report from the MMSD Water Quality Research Department was presented to the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Tuesday Feb.12, 2007. One important consideration of the study was whether the contamination was due to animal waste and or human waste.

The Honey Creek watershed is a small sub-watershed of the larger Menomonee River watershed. Honey Creek begins in Greenfield and flows north for a distance of about 8.8 miles until it flows into the Menomonee River at about 72nd Street in Wauwatosa. The Honey Creek watershed includes portions of Greendale, Greenfield,

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Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, and West Allis. It is 65 % urban, 17.5% commercial/industrial/institutional and 14.7% parklands. The WI State Fair Park in the City of West Allis is contained within the Honey Creek watershed.

Because the contamination of Honey Creek appeared to be independent of storm events that could wash animal and bird waste into the stream, persistent contamination from a sanitary sewer system was a possible reason for contamination. The source of contaminated dry-weather flows could come from sanitary wastewater from industrial and commercial pollutant entries, failing septic tank systems, vehicle maintenance activities, or from failing home, sewage laterals allowing seepage of sanitary contamination into the storm sewer that carries runoff.

Water in Honey Creek as well as water entering it at a number of storm sewer outfalls was monitored over a number of days. (Monitoring results can be found in the Honey Creek Bacteria Investigation Survey on the MMSD website.) Contamination ranged from above 1000 fecal coliform unit per 100 milliliters to 162, 000 CFU. These higher values are nearly 10 times greater than what would be considered typical for urban stormwater runoff. This contamination vastly exceeds the WI Recreational Water Quality Standard for Full Body Contact. A human specific marker from *Bacteroides* was positive in all samples, along with the fecal coliform and *E. coli* indicators.

In conclusion, storm water runoff and storm sewer discharge are negatively affecting the water quality of Honey Creek and downstream reaches of the Menomonee River. Older residential areas could have exfiltration occurring from leaking sanitary sewers due to damaged lateral pipes or poor connections. Cross connections from sanitary to storm sewer is another possibility. Fecal coliform and *E. coli* are not considered pathogenic but rather act as indicator organisms for serious human pathogens such as viruses and protozoans. MMSD will continue to determine how widespread this bacterial contamination problem is in the community area by monitoring storm sewer outfalls.

Electrical Energy Consensus, Part II

A full report on our League's Consensus will appear in the next bulletin. Our membership arrived at general consensus supporting all the items under each of the topics below:

- supported the listed measures to control demand for electricity
- opposed any new coal fired plant and any existing plant being rebuilt unless it meets the listed conditions
- emphasized listed points when considering natural gas facilities
- supported concepts related to generation and transmission of electricity in WI
- supported listed characteristics of a WI system for regulating generation and transmission of electricity

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) TV

Shanahan-Spanic, Member LWVMC

Now that cable companies are delivering phone service and are winning customers from phone companies, the latter want to compete in the delivery of cable services in many communities across the country.

AT&T has asked the State of Wisconsin to pass a bill relieving them of existing local cable franchising requirements. The cable franchises currently provide significant monies to local governments as well as funding for PEG access. If AT&T is relieved of franchising requirement, possibly all funding for PEG access TV channels will be eliminated.

Leagues in Wisconsin, including League of Women Voters Milwaukee County, (LWVMC) regularly avail themselves of PEG access. Beyond supporting the airing of governmental meetings, the LWVMC takes advantage of the opportunities provided by public access TV. Working closely with the West Allis Community Media Center - Channel 14, (WACMC) the League has documented local educational programs and candidate forums that are distributed to PEG channels around Metro Milwaukee and Wisconsin. The most recent projects include the September 20, 2006 Kickoff on the "Marriage Amendment" and the February 3, 2007 "Catherine Conroy Legislative Breakfast."

In support of PEG access, LWVMC Co-President, Louise Petering, appeared with Mary Cardona, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of PEG Channels, at the Wisconsin Senate Committee Meeting on Commerce, Utilities and Rail (Chaired by Senator Jeff Plale), on February 7th, 2007. Citing the "Citizen's Right to Know" position, the League advocated for open meetings, open airwaves, open discussions -- openness, regardless of the issue or technology involved. The League understands that a viable democracy depends on an informed electorate and that PEG access channels fill a unique niche that other media do not.

Other notables who presented at the meeting included Grant Langley, Milwaukee City Attorney; Mike Neitzke, Mayor, City of Greenfield; and representatives of AT&T, Regional Telecommunications Commission, and state and national cable associations.

Please act to maintain PEG access regardless of whether signals are delivered by cable or phone wire. Let your state representatives know that you support the public "right to know," about the FCC December 2006 ruling, and information provided on PEG access - and therefore PEG access itself.

Background

"PEG access" means Public Education Governmental access TV. Currently cable franchises send PEG access programs of civic, educational and governmental interest over their cable system to subscribing households. There are over 100 PEG access channels in at least 85 cities and villages serving
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over half of the population of the State of Wisconsin with local information over TV.

Larger than all of the cable companies in the United States combined, AT&T is insisting on a special dispensation from federal law that 1) requires local franchise agreements for video services and 2) allows municipalities to collect a franchise fee (a fee based on the use of the public right of way, equal to 5% of gross revenues). Federal legislation also allows for negotiation of funding for local PEG channels.

Since passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, AT&T has had the opportunity to compete in the local cable-franchising arena yet until recently has not done so. Rather than obtain a local cable franchise and compete with local cable entities on a level playing field, AT&T, Verizon and other phone companies pushed for a new federal telecommunications bill in 2006 that promoted national franchises and elimination of most local accountability. (The national franchise concept included an impractical scenario that would have had an individual in Milwaukee, WI calling the FCC for a problem with their cable service or cable bill.) When the bill did not pass, the phone companies persuaded the FCC to rule in their favor in December 2006. Since that ruling, the FCC has been accused of overstepping its bounds. It has not yet made its ruling available to the public, nor has the ruling been enacted or enforced.

Notes:

1) The FCC is funded by fees paid by the telecommunications companies. Cable operators pay about \$50 million annually into the FCC, and they are entitled to recover the cost from video subscribers. Under President Bush's \$2.9 trillion budget plan for fiscal year 2008, the FCC would receive \$313 million to regulate cable operators and other communications providers. All but \$1 million in FCC funding would come from fees assessed against regulated entities.

2) To operate, PEG channels need a) a guaranteed bandwidth for local PEG channels, b) video providers continuing to bear the technical responsibility and cost of carrying access channel signals, and c) adequate funding for operating and capital expenses to enable community participation and provide a voice for local citizens.

3) The West Allis Community Media Center – Channel 14 is a heavily utilized facility with 16 monthly series and many individual programs in production each month. There is an emphasis on training community volunteers to produce their own programs. There is no limit to program length; this allows the whole story to be told. WACMC provides these services with a 2.5 person staff.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Marianne Steigerwald, Chair

We continue to meet weekly and use the study guide produced by the Foreign Policy Association as we discuss each topic of the "Great Decisions 2007" series. The schedule of the IR Committee meetings appears in the calendar of this bulletin. The last three weeks of the Great Decisions series takes place weekly on Tuesday evenings from February 27th through March 13th. The programs run from 7:00-8:30p.m. in the UWM Student Union – Union Ballroom, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Registration for each program begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission for the event for Non-Members of the Institute of World Affairs is \$8/session. The Schedule:

Feb 27: Col. Tony Pfaff [CONFIRMED], Senior US Army intelligence officer with recent service in Baghdad on Middle East security and reform.

Mar. 6: Navbahor Imamova [CONFIRMED], Journalist with Voice of America's Uzbek Service and former Public Affairs officer at the Embassy of Afghanistan in Tashkent on Central Asia.

Mar. 13: Coetzee Bester [CONFIRMED], Former member of the first democratically elected parliament in South Africa, and executive director of the Africa Institute for Leadership on the future of South Africa

VOTING RIGHTS CONSENSUS SUMMARY

Kit Halloran-O'Meara, Co-Chair

The general consensus among our members reaffirmed our opposition to a requirement to show a photo ID card each time one votes, understanding that an accurate, well-maintained statewide voter registration list would be much more effective in preventing fraud. Members felt that felons should have the right to vote restored once they are released from prison. Members also approved the state designated training for special deputy registrars and expressed interest in possible League involvement in the training that might aid bringing it to the local municipalities. Regarding extended time frames for voting, members thought we should preserve its current system of absentee voting and provide for or promote more early voting (like Colorado). Interest was high in the Oregon mail-in system, but members were mostly interested in learning, studying, more. Members were not sure they wanted to eliminate actually going to the polls on Election Day. A proposal to study how Wisconsin runs its Elections also had considerable interest.

ABOUT LEAGUE: MEETING TYPES

Different kinds of meetings foster different objectives. League "Unit Discussion Meetings" enable members to talk more in depth with one another, develop a topic or arrive at consensus. Our "General Meetings" allow members to hear presentations and ask questions of presenters. Often these topics are discussed at subsequent "Unit Meetings."



Annual Meeting

Monday May 7, 2007

5:30 p.m. Social Hour with cash bar

6:00 p.m. Dinner followed by Keynote Speaker

**The Honorable Shirley Abrahamson,
Chief Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court**

Italian Community Center
631 East Chicago Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

R.S.V.P. by Noon, May 1, 2007

Please complete the form below indicating your choice of meal.

Mail the form and your check made out to the
League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County for \$30.00 (\$20.00 for students) to:
P.O. Box 100785, Milwaukee, WI 53210

Name _____ Phone _____

Included with the selections below are:

Salad, Entrée, Starch, Fresh Vegetable, Bread & Butter, Dessert, and Beverage.

_____ Mediterranean Chicken

(Breast of chicken, with Mushrooms, Tomatoes,
Scallions, and Black Olives in a White Wine Sauce)

_____ Broiled Fillet of Whitefish Almondine

_____ Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

(Pork Tenderloin stuffed with Italian Sausage, Roasted, Sliced and Served with Tomato Sauce)

_____ I am unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Enclosed is a check to
support the work of the League.

Join the League Today!

Become a member of the League of Women Voters and help *Make Democracy Work!*

Dues [Circle One]: \$60 Individual \$75 Household (2 or more individuals) \$25 Student \$25 Limited Income
\$100 Sustaining (supports \$25 memberships) \$160 Centennial (supports action & activities)

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Address _____ Work Phone (____) _____

City _____ WI Zip _____ e-mail _____

Involvement [Check One]: Active ____ or Supporting ____ Interests _____

Please Note: Please circle your preferred means of contact and mail this form with your check to the **League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, P.O. Box 100785, Milwaukee, WI 53210**. Thank You. (Non-tax deductible contributions may be made to the LWV Milwaukee County. For a tax deductible gift to the LWV Milwaukee County, write a separate check, minimum \$50, payable to the LWV Education Fund. Mail contributions to the membership dues address above.)



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